

STATE OF ALASKA
DEPARTMENT OF NATURAL RESOURCES
DIVISION OF MINING, LAND, AND WATER

DRAFT MINERAL ORDER No. 1247

 X Closing Lands to Mineral Entry _____ Opening Lands to Mineral Entry

I. Name of Mineral Order: Preference Right Noncompetitive Land Sale – ADL 223574

II. Reason for Mineral Order: This Mineral Order is based upon the attached *Commissioner's Administrative Finding*, applicable statutes, and the written justification contained in the following: Preliminary Decision, Preference Right Noncompetitive Land Sale – ADL 223574, December 29, 2020 and the subsequent Final Finding and Decision for same.

III. Authority: *AS 38.05.185 Generally* and *AS 38.05.300 Classification of Land*.

IV. Location and Legal Description: Located within DNR's Southcentral Region, on the north side of Kiliuda Bay, approximately 9 miles northeast of Old Harbor and 40 miles southwest of the City of Kodiak, more specifically described as:

Alaska State Land Survey No. 99-13, Tract A, Kiliuda Bay, according to the plat recorded in the Kodiak Recording District on July 27, 1999, as Plat No. 99-19, containing 5.02 acres, more or less.

V. Mineral Order: This order is subject to valid existing rights and is issued under the authority granted by *AS 38.05.185 Generally* – *AS 38.05.275 Recognition of Locations* and *AS 38.05.300 Classification of Land* to the Alaska Department of Natural Resources. In accordance with *AS 38.05.185(a) Generally*, I find that the best interests of the State of Alaska and its residents are served by closure of the land described in this mineral order to entry under mineral location and mining laws of the State of Alaska. The above described lands are hereby **closed** to entry under the locatable mineral and mining laws of the State of Alaska.

Concur:

Martin W. Parsons, Director
Division of Mining, Land and Water
Department of Natural Resources

Date

Approved:

Corri A. Feige, Commissioner
Department of Natural Resources

Date

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**DRAFT ADMINISTRATIVE FINDING
MINERAL ORDER No. 1247
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PREFERENCE RIGHT NONCOMPETITIVE LAND SALE

Pursuant to *AS 38.05.035 Powers and Duties of the Director*, the State of Alaska, Department of Natural Resources, Division of Mining, Land and Water proposes to issue a Final Finding and Decision to convey State-owned land into private ownership within the Noncompetitive Preference Right Sale area, ADL 223574. As noted in the Preliminary Decision – Preference Right Noncompetitive Land Sale – ADL 223574, issued December 29, 2020, the project area is within unit the new unit, K-57C of the proposed amendment to the Kodiak Area Plan. In accordance with the area plan, DMLW proposes to close the entire project area to mineral entry. The attached mineral order includes the legal description of area to be closed to mineral entry.

The Division of Mining, Land and Water requests the mineral estate of approximately 5.02 acres, identified in the attached mineral order, be closed to mineral entry and location, in accordance with *AS 38.05.300 Classification of Land* for a land disposal. Mining activity on the project area would be incompatible with the current and proposed land estate uses. The land does not contain any known mineral deposits and was not selected for mineral values. There are no mining claims on the land.

Public notice of the comment period for the proposed mineral order is conducted in accordance with *AS 38.05.945 Notice*. Review of comments will be addressed in the final document.

In accordance with *AS 38.05.185 (a) Generally* and *AS 38.05.300 Classification of Land*, I find that the best interests of the State of Alaska and its residents are served by closure of the land to entry under the mineral location and mining laws of the State of Alaska as described by Mineral Order (Closing) No. 1247.

Concur:

Martin W. Parsons, Director
Division of Mining, Land and Water
Department of Natural Resources

Date

Approved:

Corri A. Feige, Commissioner
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